

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 11-20 and 22-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 21 is canceled and claim 15 is amended.

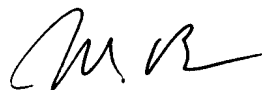
Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the November 19 personal interview. The arguments presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute the record of the interview.

Claim 15 has been amended to recite "the plurality of belt members are arranged to be independently deformed." Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 88, line 25.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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